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SAN CARLOS MAN SENTENCED TO 135 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's 0 ffice for the District of Arizona announced that on November 6, 2003, Rodolfo Garcia, DOB 8/30/71 of San Carlos, Arizona, was sentenced to 135 months in prison by United States District Court Judge Mary H. Murguia, in Phoenix, Arizona. Garcia was found guilty on March 23, 2003, of three counts of Abusive Sexual Contact and one count of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Minor by a federal jury at Phoenix, Arizona.

The evidence at trial showed that the defendant, had molested the ten year- old victim on multiple occasions in 2001, including sexual intercourse and that he had threatened her if she told anyone about the molestations. Two other girls, aged 12 and 13 at the time of the molestations, also testified that the defendant had molested them and had made threats to hurt them if they told anyone. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Mary H. Murguia.

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The investigation was conducted by the San Carlos Tribal Police and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The prosecution was handled by Dyanne Greer and John Johnson, Assistant United States Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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